

1. A tactical shirt for carrying a concealed weapon, comprising:

a fabric shell in the general shape of a shirt, having sleeves and having a central frontal shirt opening line with fasteners for closing the shirt at the opening line,

5 a hidden pocket at least at one side of the shirt front, with a vertically oriented pocket opening near the shirt opening line, the hidden pocket being formed between the fabric shell of the shirt and an outer piece of fabric material overlying the fabric shell and secured to the fabric shell at seams, the seams including a top shoulder seam which is integral with a seam connecting front and back panels of the fabric shell, a side seam generally below the armpit area and extending generally

10 vertically, a sleeve seam integral with a connection of a chest panel of the shell to a sleeve piece, a bottom seam, and a front seam along a pocket opening line of the hidden pocket which is substantially continuous in appearance down the length of the front seam including at the pocket opening and above and below

15 the pocket opening, and

20 a pocket closure comprising upper and lower hook/loop fastener patches substantially at upper and lower ends of the pocket opening, the hook/loop fastener patches being engageable to close the opening of the hidden pocket, and with a space

devoid of fasteners and extending vertically between the upper and lower hook/loop fastener patches, such space being of a sufficient height to enable a user to insert at least two fingers to a wedge a hand into the pocket opening to release engagement 5 of the hook/loop fastener patches,

whereby a handgun or other concealed weapon can be placed inside the hidden pocket and can comfortably be stored generally below the user's armpit alongside the rib cage, and whereby, when the weapon is to be retrieved, the user can reach into the 10 unfastened space of the pocket opening line, to force the hook/loop fasteners to disengage and to retrieve the weapon efficiently.

2. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the 15 fasteners closing the shirt at the central frontal shirt opening line comprise buttons.

3. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the bottom seam of the pocket is located generally at a location of 20 the bottom of a wearer's ribs

4. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the fabric of the shirt is woven.

5. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the fabric of the shirt has a weight of at least five ounces per square yard.

5 6. The tactical shirt as described in claim 5, wherein the shirt fabric has a weight of at least 5.5 ounces per square yard.

10 7. The tactical shirt as described in claim 5, wherein the shirt fabric has a weight in the range of about 5.8 to 6.5 ounces per square yard.

15 8. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the shirt has a button front, with a placket extending vertically and the buttons located in the placket, and wherein the pocket opening line for the hidden pocket is spaced away less than about one inch from an adjacent edge of the placket.

20 9. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the shirt has a button front, with a placket extending vertically and the buttons located in the placket, and wherein the pocket opening line for the hidden pocket is spaced away about one half inch from an adjacent edge of the placket.

10. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, wherein the

seam along the pocket opening line of the hidden pocket comprises at least a doubled over strip of fabric, reinforced with stitching along the length of the pocket opening line, including above and below the pocket opening.

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11. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, further including a weapon carried in the hidden pocket, generally beneath the armpit area of the shirt.

10 12. The tactical shirt as described in claim 11, including at least about five pounds of items carried in the hidden pocket.

15 13. The tactical shirt as described in claim 1, with two said hidden pockets provided, one on each side of the shirt front.

14. The tactical shirt as described in claim 13, further including an exposed, visible pocket formed on the outside of said outer piece of fabric material, over both hidden pockets.

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15. A tactical shirt for carrying a concealed weapon, comprising:

a fabric shell in the general shape of a shirt, having sleeves and having a central frontal shirt opening line with

fasteners for closing the shirt at the opening line,
a hidden pocket at least at one side of the shirt front,
with a vertically oriented pocket opening near the shirt opening
line, the hidden pocket being formed between the fabric shell of
5 the shirt and an outer piece of fabric material overlying the
fabric shell and secured to the fabric shell at seams, including
a side seam generally below the armpit area and extending
generally vertically, the hidden pocket extending to said side
seam, and including a front seam along a pocket opening line of
10 the hidden pocket which is substantially continuous in appearance
down the length of the front seam including at the pocket opening
and above and below the pocket opening, and
a pocket closure including upper and lower quick-release
fastener means substantially at upper and lower ends of the
15 pocket opening, the quick-release fastener means being engageable
thereby to close the opening of the hidden pocket, and with a
space devoid of fastener means and extending vertically between
the upper and lower quick-release fastener means, such space
being of a sufficient height to enable a user to insert at least
20 two fingers to wedge a hand into the pocket opening to release
engagement of the quick-release fastener means,
whereby a handgun or other concealed weapon can be placed
inside the hidden pocket and can comfortably be stored generally
below the user's armpit alongside the rib cage, and whereby, when

the weapon is to be retrieved, the user can reach into the unfastened space to force the quick-release fastener means to disengage and to retrieve the weapon efficiently.

5 16. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the fasteners closing the shirt at the central frontal shirt opening line comprise buttons.

10 17. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the bottom seam of the pocket is located generally at a location of the bottom of a wearer's ribs

18. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the fabric of the shirt is woven.

15 19. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the fabric of the shirt has a weight of at least five ounces per square yard.

20 20. The tactical shirt as described in claim 19, wherein the shirt fabric has a weight of at least 5.5 ounces per square yard.

21. The tactical shirt as described in claim 19, wherein the shirt fabric has a weight in the range of about 5.8 to 6.5 ounces per square yard.

22. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the shirt has a button front, with a placket extending vertically and the buttons located in the placket, and wherein the pocket opening line for the hidden pocket is spaced away less than about 5 one inch from an adjacent edge of the placket.

23. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the shirt has a button front, with a placket extending vertically and the buttons located in the placket, and wherein the pocket opening line for the hidden pocket is spaced away about one half 10 inch from an adjacent edge of the placket.

24. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, wherein the seam along the pocket opening line of the hidden pocket comprises 15 at least a doubled over strip of fabric, reinforced with stitching along the length of the pocket opening line, including above and below the pocket opening.

25. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, further 20 including a weapon carried in the hidden pocket, generally beneath the armpit area of the shirt.

26. The tactical shirt as described in claim 25, including at least about five pounds of items carried in the hidden pocket.

27. The tactical shirt as described in claim 15, with two said hidden pockets provided, one on each side of the shirt front.

5 28. The tactical shirt as described in claim 27, further including an exposed, visible pocket formed on the outside of said outer piece of fabric material, over both hidden pockets.